anomalies in the said list;

(d) if so, the measures taken/likely to be taken by Government to sort-out such anomalies; and

(e) the time by when the final list of BPL is likely to be published?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) to (e) The Government of India provides financial and technical assistance to States and UTs to conduct a Below Poverty Line (BPL) Census to identify the poor households living in the rural areas who could be assisted under various programmes. The Ministry of Rural Development had issued guidelines to all States including Karnataka for conducting the BPL Census 2002, however, its result could not be finalized because of the stay order passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The Hon'ble Supreme Court vacated the stay on 14.2.2006. Subsequently, the Government of India had issued guidelines to States and UTs to place the draft BPL list before the Gram Sabha. In order to address the grievances, if any, a two-stage appeal mechanism has been introduced. Any person who objects to his ranking in the list, can file an appeal with the Tehsildar/ SDM and Collector as the case may be. The States have also been advised that after completion of this process, the final BPL list should be displayed on their website. It may also be printed and kept in the form of a booklet at the Panchayat headqurters. Under these guidelines, a provision has also been made to allow new names to be added and ineligible names deleted from the BPL list on a continuous basis during the period to which the list applies. The finalization of the BPL list by the States is in an advanced stage for which the survey work has already been completed by most of them.

Schemes for hilly areas in Uttaranchal

1729. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes being introduced and run by Government for development of backward and hilly areas in Uttaranchal;

(b) the details of backward and hilly areas developed during the last two years; and

(c) the amount that has been provided for development of such schemes during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) The Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana (RSVY) has been in operation in three backward districts of Uttaranchal, namely, Champawat, Tehri Garwal and Chamoli. The schemes in the sectors of Agriculture and Allied Activities, Irrigation, Health and Family Welfare, Tourism, Physical and Social Infrastructure, Training etc. have been included in the district plans of these districts. From the current financial year, this programme has been replaced by the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF). There is no separate programme for development of hilly areas of the State as the entire State of Uttaranchal is a hill State and is treated as a special category State with Central Assistance being allocated on 90:10 (grant:loan) basis compared to 30:70 (grant:loan) in the case of non-special category States.

(b) and (c) In addition to the funds being provided for normal schemes under the State's Annual Plans, a sum of Rs. 45 crore is to be provided to each of these districts on 100% grant basis under RSVY. These districts will shift of BRGF mode of funding in the Eleventh Plan after the entire amount of Rs. 45 crore gets released to each of them. Funds amounting to Rs. 22.50 crore have been provided to the State Government during each of the last two years 2004-05 and 2005-06 for implementation of schemes included in the district plans of these districts. A sum of Rs. 7.50 crore has been provided to the State Government under this programme during 2006-07 till date. Further funds will be provided on receipt of progress reports and utilization certificates.

BPL families in Uttaranchal

1730. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of families living below the poverty line has increased or decreased during each of the last three years in Uttaranchal;

(b) if so, the details of such increase and decrease in all the districts of Uttaranchal;